NO. 17.

Where wind-flowers to the kissing wind Po bend their dainty leaves, And gold of cheery caladina Doth mock the August sheaves-Where blus bells, elfin marriage-bells, Ring out their tiny chimes-

The e will I haste me in the Spring, To fashion fragrant rhymes. There will I haste me in the Spring, My lovely lady's charm to sing.

Oh! Lady mine, what wind-blown flower Hath half thy wayward grace? What blossomed gold was e'er so bright As that which crowns thy face? What blue bells but thine eyes would shame And make with envy pale?

Thou art more fair than gracious Spring E'er drest a Winter vale. Then haste thee, haste thee, pretty

That I may prove the truth I sing. -Amelie Rives Chanler, in Oacs A Week.

AT LONE MOUND STATION.



perch in the turret of the yellow catrain No. 43.

"Good-bye, answered, as he trudged along betoward the small slaked its thirst at

the tank and got under way again. A swayed onward toward the curve at the Lone Mound.

As Keanley neared the little depot, the strains of a violin floated toward him. Soft and sweet came the tune, like the tinkle of musical glasses, and there was in it a pathetic, wailing undertone, as if the player was striving to tell in music of a heart ache and trials bravely borne.

Keanley could hardly repress an ejaculation of surprise as he entered the little office and beheld the wielder of the magic bow, a pale-faced boy, almost a child. As the lad carefully deposited the violin in the open box at his side, and slowly rose, Keanley saw that the little fellow was a cripple. One leg, distorted and shriveled, swung, a useless member. Resting on his crutches, the boy raised

"You're the new agent, I s'pose," he

"Yes," Keanley answered, "I am the new agent. And who are you?" he continued, kindly. "The ex-agent?"
"No, only his son," the boy replied. "And where is your father?"

"Over there, on the slope." The boy's chin quivered as he spoke. Keanley looked from the window. On

the slope of the Lone Mound was a tiny grave yard. One oblong black blotch in its midst marked a new made grave. The agent was there. "Pardon me," Keanley said; "I did

not know. My instructions simply told me to take charge of the station. I supposed the agent had been promoted or

discharged. "He was promoted," the boy said

"And what will you do now?" Keanley asked, presently. "I don't know," the boy answered.

"I've been thinking and thinking, but it's no use. I don't know what to do. P'raps the superintendent will give me a place in an office. I can write a fair hand and wire pretty well, but I ain't much on heavy work." This last with a rueful glance at his

Then Keanley lied, and deliberately, too. He had no need of an assistant, but a lightning resolve flashed through his brain, and he said to the cripple: "You are just the chap I am looking

for. I need a boy to help me." "What for?" asked the lad.

"To-to-why, to write and look out for things generally," Keanley answered, half desperately. "I'll feel safer to gad about when I have an assistant whom I know I can trust. Then, too, I might be sick, you know."

The boy looked doubtfully at him. "If you are in earnest, I'll jump at the chance to stay," he said.

"In earnest?" Keanley cried, in pretended pique at the lad's doubt. course, I am. Do you think I don't know my own mind, young man?"

The boy said nothing. And so it was settled, and crippled Ben became Keanley's assistant, although there was not work enough to occupy half of one per-

As the days when the breeze brought from the slope the perfume of the wild verbenas were succeeded by those when the snow came with a rush and hiss against the little depot, Keanley grew be sure, to board and clothe the lad and speedily carried little Ben. to pay him an occasional dollar made quice a gap in each month's salary, but Keanley never grudged a penny of it. It was pay enough to witness the boy's gratitude, and to see the lad's great eyes following him with their glances of positive beatitude.

Often and often the violin sang its sweet songs, but now they seldom had the pitiful, wailing undertone.

The lad's father had planned to do justice to his talent by having him taught by a master of the violin. Now, Keanley and little Ben planned in a happy, visionary way. They were to save what money they could, and thus little Ben was to have the coveted musical instruction. But, at best, the accumulation of funds went on slowly.

The plans of the two went further than this. Keanley had, "once upon a time," been toolish enough to fall in love with gether. returned his love. The old senator, wet but minus the aching tooth, he was ers of the Sacramento and San Joaquin.

cceded to squelch the whole affair. He front of the depot, and Senator Hicks

he sent packing from his presence. The girl, with her tear-wet face upfor him till he succeeded in accumulating the \$10,000 that the old senator named possess before he could aspire to winning her. Then, when orders had sent Keanley to the west, he had gone with the determination strong within him to very soon gain the money and the girl.

But he speedily grew despondent. The fates seemed against him. He struck no bonanza or highway to speedy wealth, and finally half gave up the struggle. The money that would flow to little Ben as the substantial reward of his genius was to be invested by Kcanley, who, in this manner, would soon obtain the coveted \$10,000. Then when prosperity smiled upon the senator's new-found son-in-law, little Ben's wealth was to be returned to him. The two plotters placed great faith in this plan, chimerical as it was.

Then, came the great storms, and, with them, one that the "oldest inhabi-OOD-BYE, Hal!" tant," popularly supposed to know every-thing, declared was the largest and called from his heaviest rainfall since '31. The creeks seemed to have wholly forgotten their boundaries, and, later, the work begun boose of freight by the rain was completed by the cloud burst, over in the next county, near the head of Hackberry Creek. It was nearly Keanley 10 o'clock when a message went clicking oy, and Keauley, who had been nursing an aching tooth all day, remarked to side the long train | Ben, who was playing the violin loudly, to shut out the sound of the rushing rain: depot, beyond the "Dispatcher is telling them to look out brown water tank. for an east bound special that leaves
The engine soon Hamilton at 10:40. That means 11:26 when it passes here."

Ben nodded and went on with his moment later the caboose passed Kean- tune. Presently the train dispatcher was ley, and, with ever increasing speed, heard calling "G." That was Giddings, the station just beyond, where the rail road bridge spanned Hackberry Creek. "What is the condition of bridge

381?" the message ran. The operator at Giddings presently clicked back the answer:

"Bridge 381 is O. K. Water high but not dangerous.'

The cloud burst had not yet oc-Meanwhile Keanley's tooth grew more

painful, till its victim did little but walk the floor and anathematize the offending molar. "If it don't ease up soon," he said, presently, "I'll tramp over to the settle-

ment and have it out, storm or no Soon, the pain not abating, he donned his rubber coat and boots and started

way in the darkness and storm. With his violin for company little Ben scarcely felt lonely. He wondered presently if it were not time for Keanley's return. Suddenly the sender began to click furiously: "H. H. H."-the Hamilton call.

Then came the n

sake, hold the special!" The cloud burst had done its work. Ben glanced quickly at the clock. The hands indicated a fraction of a minute less than 12:26. The special was on time, and, even as Ben turned, there

light it. Little Ben remembered afterward how, even in the intense excitement of the moment, it had flashed through his mind how useless the effort of the frightened operator at Giddings had been in telegraphing to Hamilton, when he might have known that the special had passed there half an hour before.

The engine gave no call for brakes, and Ben knew that no stop would be made there and that the train would rush on to destruction at the wrecked bridge at Hackberry Creek. The headlight seemed abreast of him as he flung open the door, and, with a mighty spring on his crutches,, threw himself out on the platform of the little depot. There was no use or time to signal, and there seemed nothing to do but to let a flash, the little cripple raised his right the window of the engine cab, just as it that winter-a solitary pair.-London flashed past him. Then he slipped and fell headlong on the wet platform. Passing just above the back of the areman, as he bent to open the furnace door, the crutch struck the engineer's shoulder with a force that made him cry out. His quick perception took in the situation, and he knew that something serious had caused the train to be signaled in that manner. Soon the train came to a standstill. Then it backed up to the little depot, and the engineer, eretch in hand, descended hurriedly from the cab. He found the owner of the crutch crawling to his feet with a face much paler than usual. The story was soon told, and then it was retold in the parlor car, where the conductor

In the cab, the engineer said to the grimy fireman: "Bill, it almost makes me ashamed of myself to have my life saved by such a weak, pale little feller, an' a cripple at that." Though not numerous, the passengers in the parlor car were generous, and the sum of money that they droped into the hat, passed by a white-bearded man whom they called "Senator," was a goodly one. Then, when little Ben had bashfully expressed his gratitude, he asked, timidly, if any one present could tell him where to go to obtain the coveted musical education. The story of his hopes had to be told, and when he was It is a common thing to hatch out done, the while-bearded man cleared his throat in a manner that sounded suspiciously as if he was choking back a sob. Then he took Ben into the little the better are they fitted for the spit. It depot, and the two talked earnestly to-

even forgot the time when he had been and little Ben in earnest conversation in as much of a pauper as the young fellow the office. The old senator did not ap-

pear to recognize Keanley. "So you are the agent, young man," turned to his, promised Keanley to wait he said. "Allow me to congratulate you upon your good judgment in selecting so efficient an assistant. Now let me inas the amount of wealth Keanley must troduce my recently engaged private secretary, who will accompany me when the special leaves."

The old man laid his hand caressingly on Ben's shoulder.

"And," spoke Ben, eagerly, "he says I shall have the best teacher he can find, and all the time I want to study!"

Soon the special left to return to Hamilton, and with it went little Ben. "Good-bye! Good-bye!" the cripple called from the receding parlor car, and Keanley answered with a mechanical

farewell. Then he sat in the little office and stared moodily at the fire for a long

"How lonesome it is without him!" he said, "I loved that little cripple, I Then the sounder began to click from

Hamilton, and the message came: "Good-by, old fellow. Little Ben." Then Keanley sat listening to the fall-ng rain for a long time.

Three months later he was surprised at seeing Senator Hicks and little Ben alight from a train at the faded station. "Young man," said the Senator, abruptly, "how much of that \$10,000

have you accumulated, hey?"
"A trifle over \$100," Keanley an-

wered, dejectedly. "Near enough, near enough!" jerked out the old man. "This boy has been continually talking of you, and-and-I sometimes change my mind, and-well, there is a girl at my house who seems anxious to see you."

And so it all turned out happily, just as all stories should.

There is a new agent at Lone Mound station now, and Hal Keanley is rising in the lucrative position procured for him by the old senator.

At the wedding that made Keanley Senator Hicks's son-in-law, a young nusical artist, who, though a cripple, is rapidly rising in popular favor, held the guests almost spellbound by the strains of a violin, that seemed singing a song of happiness .- Romance.

### A Stork Monopolist.

In Skane, in the southern part of Sweden, a pair of storks lived for many years on the roof of my father's parsonage. One spring, a pair of young storks appeared in the place, who, after surveying the old nest-probably their parental home-set about building their habitation on the opposite side of the roof. When it was finished and the eggs had been laid, the old female stork returned, took a look at the new-comers, but al lowed them to remain in their home in peace. Her attention was soon occupied by a number of young suitors, who zealously wooed her, though she rejected all their offers. Some days later, this Pene-"Bridge 381 is down. For God's lope among birds was rewarded by arrival of her old mate.

But then came an end to the truce with the young birds. That very evening the old stork, followed by his female companion, flew to the nest of the new-comers. By violent blows of their beaks came the flash of the headlight through they first put the young male stork to the storm that drowned the noise of the flight, and then began to attack the sitcogine's approach. No time even to take ting hen. Patiently she suffered all illthe red lantern from the cuddy and usage and remained upon her eggs. The assailants then altered their tactics. One continued to attack the young motherbird, while the other, watching till in her struggles to evade the blows an egg became uncovered, instantly pushed it out of the nest. Thus, one by one, the four precious eggs were remorsel, sacri-When all the eggs had been destroyed, the young female stork, after standing for some time in the courtyard, looking up to her ruined home as in despair, sadly flew away. There was never any sign of that pair of storks on our roof again. The old ones had attained their end; henceforth they were the only storks in that part of the country, and were left in sole possession of its food supply. To the inhabitants of our parsonage, whose sympathies for the old storks were thus rudely shaken, it seemed the train rush on to wreck. Then, like a just retribution that, though the birds hatched, and thus the old storks had to lightning, hurled it, lance-fashion, at return alone to their Southern quarters

How to Run Fast. In the mountainous villages of Germany the letter carriers are the hardest worked people in the country. They carry all the mail and are compelled to go at the rate of about five miles an hour. You know that in running even a short distance you quickly get "out of breath," as you say. The German letter carriers, to avoid this shortness of breath, carry a quill in the mouth so that the air cannot be so rapidly expelled from the lungs. If boys who want to become "sprinters," or very fast runners, will practice carrying something in the mouth when running, they will find that they can soon run a long time without losing breath. They must be very careful, though, not to swallow what they are carrying in the mouth. And they must be such careful runners that they will not fall. Very young sprinters would do well to wait awhile before trying to become champions .-

Mongolian Pheasants. If the Mongolian pheasant at all resembles in gamy spirit its European affinity it is more fitted for a barnyard fowl than a sportsman's trophy. Probably it is just as easy of domestication. pheasants under ordinary fowls, and they readily come at the call for tood. lian pheasants are greedy grain feeders When Keanley returned, muddy and they should be boarded out on the farm-

### THE NEWS.

An eastbound Uni n Pacific express and passenger train ran into an open switch twenty miles west of Evanston, Wyo. They were going at top speed, and a bad wreck resulted. B. T. Giy, a postal clerk, was killed. Engineer L thridge was seriously soalded .- Ro ert Springer, born a slave in Newcastle, Del., in 1774, and, consequently one hundred and nineteen years old, died near Morgantown, Pa .- Michael Walsh, ten years of age, while picking coal under some railroad cars at Sc auton, Pa., was caught beneath the wheels by an engine bumping against the cars, and was instantly killed .- Thomas McAndrews, while walking on the Ontario and Western Railread tracks near Scianton, Pa., was struck by a assenger train and killed .-- George A. Baird, the English mill onaire sporting man died in New Orleans, of pneumonia, the re\* suit of exposure and dissipation. -- By an order from the board of directors at Shang' bai, China, the Sheridan-Mendota silver mines, at Telluride, Col, employing about three hundred and flity men, were cl sed down. These are the largest mines in that section of the state. They are owned by Englishmen in China. The mines will remain closed until silver advances sufficiently to make them pay. Ruiz Sandoval, the notorious Mexican reb l, arrived in Panama

steamer which sailed to: New York, without being given a chance to protes'. Fire destroyed fifty small buildings, occupied by the poorer classes of Eureka Springs, Ark. The total loss is about \$35,-0.0. The fire was caus d by a defective flue in the house occupied by W. O. Brodie.— The east-bound Erie passenger train No. 13 was run into by No. 10, another passenger train, at Lackawaxen, twenty-three miles west of Port Jervis. The rear Pullman sleeper was demolished, and ten passengers, the occupants of the coach, were injured, some of them seriously. No. 12 was waiting at the station for a locomotive to replace one which was disatled. The other cars were uninjured, and no passengers in them were hurt .- The builling of the Turnverein, of Patterson, N. J., was destroyed by fire, and several persons were ladly hurt,---Resi dents of Brundige, Ala., lynched Tom Brunson, a colored rape fiend. --- Harland Murray, after a dispute with his wife, in St. Louis, attempted to shoot her. The bullet, in tead, struck and killed his sixty-five-yearold mother, who attempted to shield her

from Nicaragua. He was arrested by the

police, taken to Colon, and put abourd the

daughter-in-law from the jealous man's fury. -Two Fittsburg, Pa., hunters named August Stanley and Henry Johnson, members of the Pittsburg Club, who have a clubbouse on the Kankakee River, was drowned near Horse Shoe Bend, on the Kankakee River. --- Fire supposed to have been started by tramps, destroyed the building on the fine Dyons estate, near Elizabeth; N. J .--The sentence of Will and Tom Whitson, murderers, who were to bang at Bakerville, N. C., March 24th, have been commuted by Governor Carr to thirty yea s in the peni-

The house of Benjamin Fleischer, who lives in the southwestern part of Jackson unty, Kan., was totally destroyed by fire. His three children were probably fatally burned. In endeavoring to rescue them, Mr. Fleischer's hands and arms were almost burned to a crisp.—During a terrible thun-Berstorm lightning set fire to 110 bales of open cotton in the Social Mills, in Woonsocket, R I. Much of the cotton was reniered useless, and the loss will be several housand dollars .- E. F. C. Young, of Jersey City; Jeremiah O'Rourke, of Newark, and Bernard Naughton, have formed a corporation to be known as the Consolidated Fraction Company. They have an authorzed capital stock of \$15,000,000, and the purpose is to consolidate the traction companies of Jersey City and to build branches to Newark and other surrounding towns .- Samuel and Wm. Conrad are in jail at Corydon, Ind., charged with parricide, -- Mr. J. S. Frickinger, the successful managing editor of the Ohio S ate Journal since 1887, has resigned the position to eccept that of manager of the American Press As-ociation in New York. D. L. Bowersmith, city editor, has been promoted to the vacancy. Ceputy Sheriff Whalen, who has been a familiar figure around the Tombs in New York, is dead, another victim to the inclement weather attending the inauguration cere-

monies at Washington. Jacob K. Dundore, captain of a coal barge, shot and killed John Cross, who, he says, was trying to break open a trunk on the barge, which was lying in the river near Elizabeth, N. J .- The Kinyon and the Jones blocks in Oswego, N. Y., were destroyed by fire. A number of corporations were burned out, including C. A. Tanner & Co., hardware dealers, and the Western Union Telegraph office. Loss \$75,000; partiaily insured.—The Westinghouse Air Brake Company has declared a quarterly dividend of five per cent, and an extra dividend of five per cent. This means the distribution of \$500,000 .- Fire destroyed the Newton (Ala.) Inn, postoffice, towir jan and five stores. The total loss is \$50,000 insurance \$15,000 .- Patrick Casey, yardmaster at the Baltimore and Ohio depot in Zenesville, was instantly killed by being run over by an engine. He was in the act ot jumping on the moving engine when he lost his footing, and before the locomo ive could be stopped he was ground to pieces. -The Alamo Hotel, at Colorado Springs, was almost entirely destroyed by fire. The

loss is \$10,000. The guests escaped from the burning building amid much excitement.

## COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.

A Gang Unearthed Near Parkersburg, W. Va., and the Money Found. It has been suspected for some time that a

gang of con terfeiters had their headquarters somewhere near Parkersburg. The home of A. B Burdett, alias Arthur Mills, was surrounded and Bur ett captured. When the house was searched moulds for 25 ct 3 pieces and n ckles and scraps of metal was found. The officer a so capture! another alleged member of the gang, Henry

Burdett owns considerable property and is engaged in buying and selling produces and it was while engaged in this business tha he had an opportunity to scatter the cein all over the country.

# JULES FERRY DEAD.

Carried off Very Suddenly By Heart Disease.

His Trouble the Result of An Old Wound Received at Aubertin.

Jule: Ferry, president of the French Sen-ate, is dead. M. Ferry's death was caused by heart diseare. The effection of the heart from which M. Ferry suffered was due to the effects of a bullet, striking a rib near the base of the heart at the time he was attacked by Aubertin in 1887. He was seized with spasms early in the morning, and despite every effort made by the physicians who were hastily summoned, the convulsions continued to grow in violence until at six o'clock in the evening he expired in a terribly severe spasm.

Mme. Ferry said, in an interview with a

"For the last two weeks M. Ferry had complained of difficulty of breathing. He would start up in the night occasionally, gasping and choking. Several times he left the table, and hurried to a window to get fresh air. His sleep was much broken and his general health suffered, in consequence. He showed an unusual lack of energy and an evasion to going out except when his official duties called him. I almost forced him to drive for a little whi e every pleasa it morning and evening. In the last tew days he seemed to recover somewhat his former energy and spirits, although his difficulty in breathing was increasing, he was determined to go to Senator Poirrier's ball, but eventually I persuaded him to remain at home. I knew that an evening in a crowded ball-room would aggravate his trouble, and although he said he felt better than at any time in the last week, he admitted that his health needed careful uursing if he was not to I edisabled for his public duties. He went to bed at ten c'clock. Before midnight he awoke in a chill. He fell asleep again, but rested uneasily, finally awaxing in another chill, more severe than the first one. I sent for the doctor at once. He arrived at one c'clock, and immediately gave M. Ferry injections of morphia and ether. He also applied cupping glasses."

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immediately gave M. Ferry injections of morphia and ether. He also applied cupping glasses."

This treatment was continued until five o'clock, when M. Ferry felt relieved and sank into a sound sleep. He slept well until nine o'clock. Oth r physicians were then summoned for a consultation. As M. Ferry wished to get up, they did not insist upon his remaining in bed, although they forbade him to eave the bedroom and his study, which adjoins it. He was partly dre sed at 9.30, and we helped him to his study arm-chair. He remained in it an hour in a condition of such extreme prostration that he could talk but little. At 10.30 he began struggling for breath. He sprang from his chair with sudden energy and paced the room, calling for air and complaining that he was suffocating. This sudden rally was followed by another sinking turn. M. Ferry 1 y in his chair with his eyes closed, too weak to speak with his wife or his bro her Charles. Shortly after noon he again called repostedly for air, left his chair and walked rapidly up and down the room. This effort was followed by another sinking turn. These alternations of rallying and sinking continued until five o'clock, when he raised himself in his seat, looked at his wife fixedly, exclaimed, "Save mel" and fell back exhausted. His strug, le for breath became agonizing, and the physicians injected morphia to relive him. After a few unintelligible words he fell into a s ate of coma, which ended in death. He died in the armchair in which for years he had done all his writing and reading.

## SHOT DOWN IN COURT.

A Son Avenges the Murder of His Father, Knew What He Was Doing. A terrible shooting affray occurred in the upper hall of the court house, Nashville, Tenn. Thomas Jones shot and probably

fatally wounded Joe Winters. Five sho:s were fired, two of which took effect. Some months ago Tom Jones' father, a toll-gate keeper, was shot from ambush and killed. Andrew and Joe Winters were

charged with the deed, arrested and indicted and the trial of the murderers was about to The court room was packed with witnesses for the presecution and the defense. Joseph Winters was charged with the murder and Andrew Winters with being an accessory to

the deed.

when the cases were called in criminal court before Judge Anderson the defendants successfully pressed a motion for a severance, and then the cases were continued until the next term of court.

After the disposition of the cases, Andrew Winters was taken back to jail and Joe Winters and his wife remained in the court room to perfect a bend. By this time the court room had been practically cleared.

Finally, when Winters was ked in the door, Jones, who was stanting near the head of the steps opened fire on him. Officer Price was about the first to reach Jones. Mrs. Winters and others who witnessed the shooting, said that Winters fell at the second shot.

ond shot.

Several men in an excited manner ran up to Jones and cried: "Don't let him escape."

To these cries Jones, in a selt-pos essed manner said: "I am not going to escape; I know what I have done, and have no wish to fiee." Jones was at once taken to jail.

James Bondurant, who was standing near the Winters was struck in the groin by one the Winte s, was struck in the groin by one of the stray bullets, and quite severely wounded though his condition is not thought to be very dangerous.

## TO BUILD UP THE SOUTH.

Gov. McKinney Sends His Invitation to Executives of Other States.

Gov. McKinney sent out the following letter of invitation to the chief executives of the Southern States:

MY DEAR SIR:-In the hope that 'we may My Dear Sir:—In the hope that 'we may he able to in suce good citizens to immigrate to the South, bringing with them their families and their fortunes, and thus help us to develop our natural resources, and to aid us in building up the waste pleasule in extending to your excellency and to the governors of the other Southern States a most cordial invitation to meet in convention in the civ of the other Southern States a most cordial invitation to meet in convention in the city of Richmond, and State of Virginia, on the 12th day of April proximo, to consider such questions as may tend to promote the prosperity and happiness of our beloved country.

I beg that you will allow me to extend through you the same invitation to the heads of your agricultural and horticultural departments or societies and to the superintenents of your immigration bereau or society.

I would desire that the invitation be sent to each of the above named officers, but have not their names and do not wish to omit asy of them, and therefore I presume to trouble you in the matter of conveying my special invitation to them.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS has organized a company for the purpose of establishing a lar e manufacturing enterprise near Newport News, Va., building a town and giving employment to young negro men

### CABLE SPARKS.

THE collapse of a building on the Sprudel strasse, in Carlsbad, killed 14 persons. THE secon I reading of the home-rule bill s been postponed until after Easter.

THE Russian steamer Peter der Grosse was sunk by collision in the English channel. THE American missionaries expelled from Ponope are to be indemnified by the Spanish

Two brothers have been arrested in Brussels on suspiciou of having been concerned in dynamite plots.

A SPECIAL General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Irela...d has condemned the home-rule bit.

Officials of the Anglo-Austrian Bank have been sentenced to penal servitude for wreezing the bank.

THE German forces in East Africa cap-tured the cortified town held by the chief Sikki, who was slain.

ROBBERS in Salmdorf, Bavaria, murdered a family of four persons and set fire to the house to conceal their crime.

THE French Chamber of Deputies voted its conndence in the government's course with the Panama investigation. THE Chinese are preparing to seize Pomis, while the Russians are renting rentorcements to the country to resist the attack.

SERIOUS friction is threatened between France and the Vatican in regard to the ap-pointment of a Primate for Africa. THE Ameer of Afghanistan will not meet the British envoy to treat in regard to the trouble among the tribes on the Indian fron-

MAJOR FUKUSHIMA, for a erly of the Japanese legation in Berlin, completed at Vlaui-voslock his horseback ride across European

and Asiatic Russia. CHANCELLOR VON CAPRIVI has rejected the offer of the national literal party in regard to the army bill, and it is thought the meas re will be defeated.

The British have fought a severe battle with the tribes beyond Chitral, where shey are fortifying the Indian frontier against Russian encroachment. The British were successful, but lost heavily.

## J. W. HYATT DEAD.

Was Treasurer of the United States Under President Cleveland.

James William Hyatt died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at his residence in Norwa'k Conn., after a long and severe illness. The d rect cause of Mr. Hyatt's death was Bright's disease, although he had been a great sufferer from gout.

James Wil iam H. att was Treasurer of the United States during the latter part of the first Cleveland administration, and was born in Norwalk September 19, 1837. His father, James Hyatt, was a manufacturer of shoes for the Southern market. Mr. Hyatt attended the public schools until he was 11 years (fage. He then started to make his living, and was employed in various cahis living, and was employed in various capacities until the war began, when he went out as sutter with one of the thee months' regiments. When he returned he was employed by Legrand, Lockwood & Co, one of the leading banking houses of New York city, and there acquired such proficiency that he was rapid y advanced until the became confilential clerk and general manager under the direction of the firm.

Mr. Hyatt remained with Lockwood & Co., from 1862 until 1873, when, having obtained a controlling interest in the Norwalk Horse Remond Company, he returned to Norwalk. In 1874 he became president of the company, and filled that position until his death. He was chosen vice-president of the Das bury & Norwalk Railroad Company, and continued in that position until chosen

his death. He was chosen vice-presidently, and continued in that position until chosen president. In 1890 Mr. Hyatt was chosen president in that position until chosen president of the Fairfield County National Bank. In 1875 and 1875 Mr. Hyatt represented the town of Norwalk in the State Legisla ure, and served on the Finance Committee. In 1816 he was app inted Bank Commissioner and resigned in the fail of 1885 to sceept the appointment of United States Bank Examiner tendered to him by President Cleveland.

This position he resigned in 1887, when President Cleveland appointed him to be Trasurer of the United States, in 1884 Mr. Hyatt was elected to the State Senate, but resigned because the duties of a Senator were incompatible with his position as Bank Commissionar.

## THE AUSTRALIAN FLOODS.

Over \$15.000,000 Loss in Brisbane and Its Suburbs. The Australian papers which arrived on

the steamer Alameda at Sin Francisco, print graphic details of the great floods at Brisbane and suburbs last February. In the city of Bisbane and its suburbs the dansage done by the flood is estimated at \$15, There was a fall of sixty-seven inches of

rain in three days and three steamers were floated out of the river and landed high and dry in the Botanical Gardens. The towns of Bundam a, Ipswich and Godna were all under water and the people had to flee to

until February 3, when reports from Upper Brisbane watershed showed that heavy floods were inevitable and all the possible ef-

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From Friday atternoon, February 3, the water rose very rapid y and by noon on Saturday the level of he big flood of 189) had been reached. Still the rain poured down unceasing y and the waters continued to rise throughout Saturday night and Sunday until a maximum height was reached at about 9 o'clock on Sunday night, the level then being about twe.ve feet above the flood of 1890.

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very arge portion of the city and suburba and the whole of the surr unding country in every d re tion was inuadated, the water being in many cases over the tops of the

# MOTHER AND BABIES BURNED

She Sacrifices Her Own Life Trying to Save the Children.

D. F. Dixon, of Charlotte, has received word of the fatal burning of the wife and two children of his son Thomas Dixon at Rutherfordton, N. C. The fire occurred about eight o'clock. Mrs. Dixon was alone, per busband Leing at Sheloy. After she had gotten ready with her little ones to retire, and while sitting by a table with her youngest babe in her arms, her attention was di-verted, and the chi.d caugh. he cover of the verted, and the child caught betover the table in reaching for some toy and accidentally turn dover the lamp, which exploded and the we the burning oil over the mother and children. Mrs. Dixor might have saved herself out for her efforts for the children. She lived until nine o'c.ock, a f.w m nutes after her husband reached her, but was never conscious after she was first reached by the

During the fire Alexanier McEntire, a colored man, bravely entered the curning house and brought the mother out, as the same time pushing a third child before him, thereby saving its life.

## VIRGINIA NOTES.

The Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

GOVERNOR McKinney has announced the appointment by him of the following physicians as members of the State Board of health: Raleigh Martin, of Chatham; Paul B. Barringer, of the University of Virginia; James Parrish, of Portsmouth; Robt. J. Preston, of Marion, Smyth county; Hugh M. Taylor, Lundon B. Eiwards and Paul A. Irving, of Richmond.

J. A. MARSHALL, Jr., of the Plains, Farquier county, has sold the Mediey farm near Hume, to James R. Green for \$9,000 The farm contains about 280 acres. Capt. W. C. Marshall has sold 175 acres off of the Cleveland farm, adjoining Medley, to Jas. R. Green at \$28.50 per acre, and T. S. Maddux has sold his farm near Hitch, to Fayette Baggerly for the sum of \$6,500.

THE steam saw and bending mills of Henry E. Shimp, at Ra'nswood, were burned. No insurance.

A FIRE occurred in Blankford, a suburb of Petersturg, completely destroying the large three-sto-y brick building owned and occupied by Capt. Winfield Lanier as a residence and place of business. The fire caught on the roof and burned down. Ar Iron Gate, Kemper Canada shot and mortally wounded Alexander Powell. Both

are colored and were employed at the spike works at that p ace. Canada made his es-RICHMOND'S new city ball has already

co.t\$1,193,030 and \$250,060 more will be needed to complete it. THE Norfolk and Western will construct a four-mile branch road from the main line

of the Ohio extension up the right fork of

Twelve Pole Creek to afford four new coal mines facilities for shipping their output. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dany lle Savings Bank, Loan and Improving Company was held at Danville. The affairs of the company were reported in a flourishing condition, and it was determined to add an insurance agency to the

Both of the Richmond playhouses will probably te sold this year. The theatre is to be disposed of at public auction in April if not sold privately before that time. The Academy of Music is in the hands of a receiver, and a sale may be made in the course of several months.\*

pre ent business.

THE barn of Newton Dovel, near Alma Page county, was burned, together with farming implement, grain etc. BUNCOMBE county will vote on the i-ste

of \$250 000 of bon is for road improvements. A PRESBYTERIAN church is to be built at Rural Retreat, Smyth county. An old colored man named Aleck Rose and his son, hiving on the opposite side of the river just below Buena Vista, crossed

over in a boat to get some supplies. They

made two trips safely, but in making the third the bost was washed over the dam and two men drowned. GROUND was broken at Pocahontas, for a water works system, which, when completed will be one of the finest of its kind in the State. A reservoir will be constructed with

a 1,000,000-gallon capacity. The water will be pure spring water from the mountains THE Potomac Short Line Railroad, to run a few miles in Morgan county, was incorporated at Charleston with the principal office at B-rkeley Springs and \$20,000 capital. T. H. B. Dawson, of Berkely Springs,

and others are the incorporators. MELVILLE HUTCHINSON, one of the best known citizens of Loudoun county, died last

A CAMP of Sons of Confederate Veterans is being organized at Charlottsville. JAS. M. TOTTEN, at one time clerk of the Circuit Court of McDowell county, was rup over on the Norfolk and Western Road and

MR. C. P. JACK paid \$22,500 far the Berkeley Springs Hotel. This does not include 75 acres of land belonging to the hotel

THE Norfolk and Western has increased the force of car-builders at the Roanoke machine works. MRS. ANNA LINN, of Palatine, Marion

county, died aged 93 years. MRS. WM. CARPENTER, of Culpeper, died very suddenly while preparing dinner. MRS. SARAH LAM died in Nottingham county, aged ninety years.

## WORK AND WORKERS.

About 250 negroes arrived in Pittsburg to work in the miles of the Carnegie Company, where, it is believed, colored labor will soon displace the S avs.

THE Carnegie Steel Company has ordered, in England, a 17.88 for its armor plate works at Homestead, which will cos. \$1,000-000 and have a capacity of sixteen hundred

A LARGE number of switchmen and trainmen who had teen engaged in New York to go West, were informed that their services would not be required, as the threatened strike in Ch cago had been averted.

THE National Barber's Association opened its Convention, which is to continue four days at Pittsburg. The queston of Sunday closing and the apprentice system are to be ABOUT 120 non-union switchmen, who had

been brought to Chicago by the railroad companies, were paid off and returned East. Betore they left there were several fights, in the course of one of which a man was THE striking coal miners of the Monon

THE STRINING coal miners of the Monon-gahela Valley through the executive Board have made a proposition to the Pittsburg Coal Exchange to submit the question of wa es to subtration. The operators say it will be accepted. THE strike of the locomotive engineers and

fireman on the Alm Arbor Railread at Toleuo, Ohio, is ended, the company acceding to the demands of the men that they shall not be discharged without 30 day's notice, nor without an impartial trial, with the privilege of calling witnesses. VICE GRAND MASTER DOWNEY, of the Switchman's Association, notified the managers of the railroads entering Chicago, that the switchmen had accepted the refusals to their demand for an increase of wag s, and that no further action would be taken in the

matter without sufficient notice. It thought that all danger of a strike is past. THE Southern strawberry crop is going to

be very large this year, Louisiaua experisay, and by about the middle of this minth there will be a bountiful supply gathered in the southern portion of that State. The first crates of berries have already been sold in New Orle us. The acreage in strawberries in Louisiaua this year is almost double that of 1892